

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A printing system for printing by a selected printer by selecting a desired printer from plural printers connected to a network comprising:

5 a printing condition memory for storing the printing condition set by the user;

a printer driver selector for selecting a printer driver optimum for printing of the printing data by referring to the printing condition; and

10 a status judging unit for judging the status of the printer corresponding to the selected printer driver;

wherein said printing condition memory comprises:

a priority rank memory for storing the priority rank of printing property of printing data; and

15 a printer condition memory for storing the printing condition of every printer of printing data.

2. The printing system according to claim 1, wherein the printing property includes color or monochromatic selection of printing of printing data, number of copies, printing paper size, countermeasure in case of busy printer or error, type of application, and resolution.

25 3. A printing method for printing by a selected printer by selecting a desired printer from plural printers connected to a network comprising:

a step of setting the priority rank of printing property of printing data;

30 a step of setting the printing condition of each printer of printing data;

a printing property input step of entering printing property of printing data for executing printing;

35 a printer driver selecting step of selecting a printing driver optimum for printing of the printing data

by referring to the entered printing property, priority rank of printing property, and printing condition of each printer;

5 a printer driver calling step of starting a selected printer driver; and

a printing step of executing printing by a printer corresponding to the selected printer driver.

10 4. The printing method according to claim 3, wherein the printing property includes color or monochromatic selection of printing of printing data, number of copies, printing paper size, countermeasure in case of busy printer or error, type of application, and resolution.

15 5. A computer-readable recording medium storing a printing program for printing by a selected printer by selecting a desired printer from plural printers connected to a network for making a computer system execute the operation comprising:

20 a process of setting the priority rank of printing property of printing data;

a process of setting the printing condition of each printer of printing data;

25 a printing property input process of entering printing property of printing data for executing printing;

30 a printer driver selecting process of selecting a printing driver optimum for printing of the printing data by referring to the entered printing property, priority rank of printing property, and printing condition of each printer;

a printer driver calling process of starting a selected printer driver; and

a printing process of executing printing by a printer corresponding to the selected printer driver.

6. The computer-readable recording medium storing the printing program according to claim 5, wherein the printing property includes color or monochromatic selection of printing of printing data, number of copies, printing paper size, countermeasure in case of busy printer or error, type of application, and resolution.